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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 14781

FOR A AND A/SY (STEVENS)

E O 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (MANSFIELD, MIKE)

SUBJ: CODEL

REFS: (A) STATE 224488; (B) MANILA 14017

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF PLANNED CODEL VISIT MANILA OCTOBER 14-17 AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE SOME WORD FROM MALACANANG NEXT WEEK IN THIS REGARD. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MARCOSES WILL WISH TO HOST FUNCTION FOR SENATOR MANSFIELD AND PARTY, PROBABLY EITHER OCTOBER 14 OR 15 SINCE OCTOBER 16 IS DAY OF NATIONAL REFERENDUM WITH WHICH PRESIDENT WILL BE MUCH OCCUPIED. DEPENDING ON DATE PRESIDENT CHOOSES, AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WOULD LIKE TO HOST FAMILY DINNER (CODEL PLUS FEW AMERICANS, NO REPEAT NO FILIPINO GUESTS) ON EITHER OCTOBER 14 OR 15. WILL SEEK TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIVELY FREE OCTOBER 16, THE EVENING OF CODEL'S

DEPARTURE.

2. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE ANY PARTICULAR THOUGHTS CODEL MIGHT HAVE AS TO PROGRAM DESIRED. EMBASSY PREPARED ARRANGE BRIEFING BY KEY COUNTRY TEAM OFFICERS ON DAY OF ARRIVAL. WE WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED ARRANGE VISIT TO SUBIC OR CLARK BASES FOR ANY OF CODEL MEMBERS SHOULD THIS BE DESIRED.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INQUIRED OF EMBOFF TODAY WHETHER CODEL HAD ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS AND WONDERED WHETHER CODEL MEMBERS MIGHT WISH TO OBSERVE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF REFERENDUM ON OCTOBER 16. SHOULD GOP OFFICIAL S CONTINUE TO ADVANCE THIS SUGGESTION, WE WOULD RECOMMEND FINDING GRACEFUL WAY TO DECLINE. REFERENDUM IS SHAPING UP AS ANYTHING BUT A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND WE WOULD QUESTION DESIRABILITY OF HIGH PROFILE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS AFFAIR.

4. ROOMS FOR CODEL BOOKED AS REQUESTED IN MANILA PENINSULA HOTEL; CONTROL ROOM ALSO RESERVED. CODEL SHOULD BE AWARE HOWEVER THAT PENINSULA IS STILL IN FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. WHILE HOTEL WILL BE IN BUSINESS NEXT MONTH, CERTAIN FACILITIES (E.G. MAIN DINING ROOM) WILL PROBABLY NOT YET BE IN OPERATION. THERE WILL BE FOOD SERVICE FROM SMALLER RESTAURANTS. IN BRIEF, THESE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE SATISFACTORY BUT LACKING IN FULL AMENITIES.

5. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST BY SEPTEMBER 30 FULL AIRCRAFT INFORMATION SO THAT TIMELY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLEARANCES AND ARRIVAL MIGHT BE MADE.
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